

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending for consideration.

In the Final Office action dated May 17, 2004, claims 16-39 and 42 were indicated to be allowable. Claim 8 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 40-41, and 43-44 were rejected and remain rejected in the Advisory Action dated October 18, 2004.

With this response, Applicants amend the pending claims to place the application in condition for allowance. The current amendments eliminate all rejected subject matter from the claims and the claims now include only subject matter indicated to be allowed (claims 16-39 and 42) and subject matter amended to place claim 8 in condition for allowance (claim 8 is amended to be in independent form and contain all of the features of claim 1).

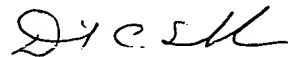
Claim 8 has been amended and claims 1-7, 9-15, 40-41, and 43-44 have been canceled. Claims 8, 16-39, and 42 remain for consideration and have been indicated to be allowed or allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

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